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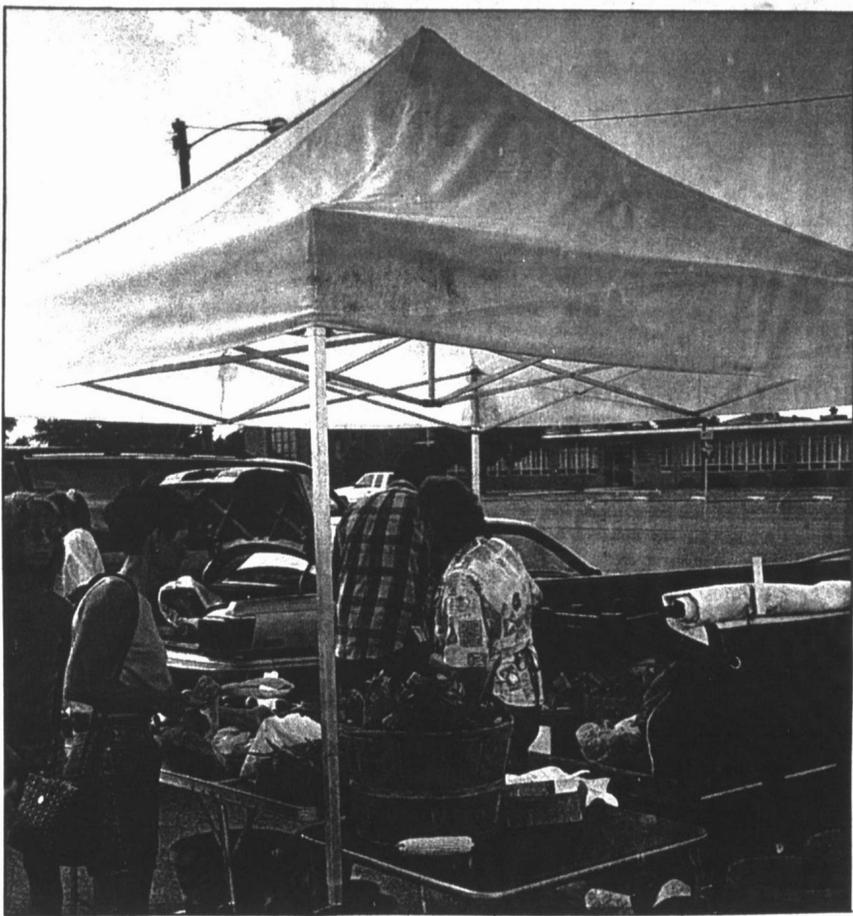
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Farmer's market

Hereford residents shopped in the shade at the farmer's market on Wednesday. The goods sold at the market have all been locally grown. Wives, children and the farmers themselves are vendors at the outside store.

Suspected serial killer dies; apparent self-inflicted shot reported by Florida officials

By EVAN PEREZ
Associated Press Writer
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Andrew Cunanan, the suspected serial killer who eluded a nationwide manhunt for nearly three months, shot himself to death in a houseboat just 2 1/2 miles from where Gianni Versace was gunned down.

"All across the nation, our citizens can stand down and breathe a sigh of relief. The reign of terror brought upon us by Andrew Cunanan is over," police Chief Richard Barreto said today.

More than 100 police and FBI agents surrounded the floating, two-story home Wednesday night after a report of a gunshot coming from inside.

Police officers shouted, "Come out! Come out!" but the man believed hiding inside did not respond. Officers then fired tear gas and six SWAT team members dressed in black flak jackets and armed with rifles and a shield moved in.

Cunanan's body was found several hours later.

"There was an unprecedented level of pressure put on this man by law enforcement and media exposure," Barreto said. "I think he was a desperate person. He was in a situation where it was very, very difficult for him to move about."

Barreto said Cunanan was identified by his thumbprint and the gun found inside the houseboat was similar to the one used in three of five killings in which Cunanan was a suspect.

The 27-year-old Cunanan shot up

to the top of the FBI's most wanted list as the prime suspect in the slayings of Versace and four other men in Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey. After the Versace slaying on July 15, Cunanan abandoned a stolen pickup truck belonging to one of his victims in a parking garage and vanished.

"We were probably prepared for something like this," said FBI spokeswoman Coleen Rowley. "A person who is using desperate means and exhibiting this kind of violent behavior, you have to be prepared for a very violent conclusion."

Residents near the houseboat had reported seeing a man matching Cunanan's description after Versace was shot to death on the front steps of his mansion. On Wednesday, a caretaker who stopped by the home called police to report a gunshot.

The houseboat is 2 1/2 miles from the Versace mansion and about a mile from the hotel where a man fitting Cunanan's description stayed for as long as two months before Versace's slaying.

For four hours police waited outside the houseboat, which sits on a branch of the Intracoastal Waterway called Indian Creek.

After firing volleys of tear gas, the SWAT team walked slowly in a line into the house. After nearly an hour inside, police announced their search had come up empty.

But after another room-by-room search they found the body of Cunanan, who had been described by his mother as a gay gigolo.

Police were slowed by the tear gas

and found Cunanan's body several hours later. Barreto said officers never fired a shot. Cunanan suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound, investigators said.

A source told The Associated Press that the body was found on the second floor of the houseboat, where bedrooms are located. Investigators suspect the shot that the caretaker heard was the suicide shot, the source said.

A .40-caliber handgun, the same type of weapon Cunanan was believed to have used in his cross-country killing spree, was found near the body, according to television reports.

Cunanan had eluded an intensive nationwide search which generated hundreds of sightings all over the country.

Records showed the houseboat, which had been vacant for several months, is owned by Torsten Reineck. He is listed as the owner of the Apollo Spa, a gay health spa in Las Vegas. Clark County (Nev.) Licensing Bureau showed Reineck is a Miami Beach resident. Reineck is not listed in local phone directories in Las Vegas and could not be reached for comment.

According to an FBI agent who asked not to be identified, there is no sign that Cunanan ever knew Reineck.

In Minnesota, Cunanan was charged in the death of a former lover, David Madson, and was suspected of killing a friend, Jeffrey Trail. He also was suspected in the death of Chicago developer Lee Miglin and charged in the killing of New Jersey cemetery caretaker William Reese.

GOP House leaders have silenced demands for ouster

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Apologizing to the Republican rank-and-file for their lapses during an abortive plot against House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Texas Sen. Dick Armey and Tom DeLay appear to have silenced calls for their ouster from leadership.

In an extraordinary closed-door session of House Republicans on Wednesday night, Armey, DeLay and another leader implicated in the cabal apologized to Gingrich and their colleagues alike.

Lawmakers emerged from the late-night session voicing confidence in the entire leadership roster, saying

the meeting soothed wounds incurred during the two-week-old palace intrigue.

The meeting was "filled with emotion, filled with passion," said Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio. "Every member stood up and spoke from the heart."

Armey, DeLay and Rep. John Boehner of Ohio acknowledged to their colleagues that they made mistakes, in particular by not immediately defusing the uprising.

In what was described as an especially cathartic moment, DeLay confirmed what had been widely rumored for a week: That he told the dissidents in a July 11 meeting that he would vote with them if they

brought a resolution to topple Gingrich.

"He said that he made a mistake in judgment," said Rep. C.W. Young of Florida. DeLay aides said that their boss was mentally exhausted from an 18-hour day when he made the pledge.

The Fox News Channel reported today that it had obtained an audio tape recording of part of the session. On the tape, DeLay can be heard telling colleagues: "Toward the end of the meeting they put me, they put me on the spot and they asked if I would vote with them to vacate the chair and I said I would."

DeLay's admission earned the respect of his peers, Bonilla said. "It

was very hard for him to say what he had to say, and I think people appreciated that ... it took a lot of courage for him to stand up and say the things he did."

While many Republicans said they have no heart for any further near-term leadership upheaval, some were eager to put Gingrich's lieutenants on the hot seat. There had been talk of attempting to unseat Armey, who as majority leader is No. 2 behind Gingrich, third-ranking DeLay or fourth-ranking Boehner.

That talk was silenced, to hear members tell it.

"I think if we had taken a vote we would have had a unanimous vote of confidence in the leadership," said Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo.

Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois, who was the impetus for the laundry-airing caucus, said: "I trust the leadership implicitly."

Armey and Boehner had earned the wrath of many for their repeated denials in recent days of involvement with the anti-Gingrich forces.

Under siege, the three worked feverishly to shore up their support - though their defense often came at the expense of one another.

In a letter to the editor Wednesday in a Capitol Hill biweekly, The Hill, Armey cast blame elsewhere, saying that to his "bitter disappointment" the rebels had received "encouraging words from someone in the leadership."

Publicly unwilling to attack Armey, DeLay's sympathizers privately seethed at what they viewed as Armey's efforts to save himself at any cost, sacrificing DeLay in the process.

Wednesday night, both camps proclaimed that the bruised feelings were only temporary.

"Sometimes friends have disagreements, but they're still friends," said DeLay spokesman John Feebery.

Echoed Armey spokeswoman Michele Davis: "They've been good friends, they'll continue to be good friends."

The hostilities marked the most serious rift to date between the long-time friends, who both came to Congress in 1985 and have since been philosophical and political allies.

Some Texans in Congress predicted that the cold war between the two would end and harmony would return to the historically close-knit Texas delegation.

The rift "is real," Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, said earlier in the day. But, he added: "I think that over time, Mutt and Jeff will come back. That is a team that works in tandem."

"It's a lot like a family situation," said Rep. Mac Thornberry, Clarendon Republican. "You can have disagreements over a particular episode with a member of your family, but the family stays together."

Bonilla acknowledged it's been an especially trying week for the Texans. "A lot of us in the delegation have really been affected in some cases in a very personal way by having to watch what's going on."

Lubbock bush burning is puzzle

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Theories abound as to the motive of the Lubbock serial bush burners. Bored teens? Anti-juniper activists? Substance-abusing vandals?

One thing's for sure. If fire investigators have any solid clues

regarding more than 130 suspicious small fires this year, they're not saying.

"There is no way to predict it," said Lt. Mark Ethridge, spokesman for the Lubbock Fire Department, talking about his least favorite subject these days. "There have been a lot of fires in a specific area of town. Even

with the eyewitness accounts we've had, it's real difficult to pinpoint any one person.

"We've had a lot of leads, a lot of information. We're just looking for one little corner piece of the puzzle."

Recently, reports had Lubbockites on the lookout for a Ford Bronco, the third vehicle associated with the rash of blazes that Ethridge says have engulfed more than \$100,000 in bushes, trees and fences.

So far, no one has been injured and no structures have been seriously damaged. A 4-week-old cat, nicknamed "Sparky" by rescuers, was singled Tuesday when vandals torched its juniper hiding place during a three-fire spree.

It's the longest serial arson campaign Ethridge said he can remember over 19 years in the department.

"It's hard for me to envision why they'd do it," said Bill Maloy, who is handling a \$2,000 reward being offered by a group of office park tenants that have seen five flora-flaming blazes this year. "One happened at 11 o'clock on a Monday morning right adjacent to a building where a lot of people were working. A police officer was on the property at the time."

The arsonists, or arsonist, haven't followed a discernible pattern. While many fires have occurred in the more prosperous and heavily landscaped southwest side of Lubbock, others have happened miles away.

The vandals have struck at all (See LUBBOCK, Page 2)

First-time jobless claims plunge to lowest in year

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of American workers filing first-time claims for jobless benefits plunged by 42,000 last week to the lowest level in nearly a year.

Much of the huge decrease may have been due to auto plants reopening after their annual new-model retooling and the end of auto strikes.

New applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 299,000 during the week ended July 19, lowest since the week ended July 27, 1996. The drop followed an even larger 45,000 decline the previous week and was more than double what economists anticipated.

The weekly jobless claims are quite volatile, but if they were to persist at around 300,000, it likely would be a sign of tightening labor markets. And that could raise

inflation fears if employers were forced to raise wages to attract qualified help and were able to increase prices to cover the added expense.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims fell by 8,250 to 340,750, the lowest level in three weeks. Many analysts prefer to track the less-volatile average because it smooths out the spikes in the weekly reports.

During the week ended July 12, 36 states and territories reported an increase in jobless claims. Seventeen reported a decrease.

The biggest increases were in Tennessee, 14,020; North Carolina, 11,734; and Alabama, 9,234. All three states reported layoffs in the textile, apparel and lumber industries.

States with the largest decreases were New York, 17,096; Ohio, 3,376; and Arkansas, 2,890. They offered no reasons for the drop.



Comforts of home . . . in 'jail'

Taken "prisoner" during the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Hereford Lockup on Wednesday are, left, Nicky Walser and Lacey Mueggenborg, anxiously awaiting release but enjoying snacks provided for the occasion at K-Bob's Steakhouse. MDA volunteers are, from right, Monica Holcombe, Susan Hennessey and Renee Huckert.

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Local Roundup

Afternoon storms forecast

Hereford reached a high of 92 Wednesday and reported a mild 69 for this morning's low. Tonight expect partly cloudy skies, southwest wind 10 to 20 mph, low in the mid-60s and a 30 percent chance of late afternoon thunderstorms. Friday should be partly cloudy with a south wind 10 to 20 mph and a high near 95. Friday evening a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms is forecast. Saturday through Monday continue with cloudy and hot days, mild evenings and slight chances of late afternoon storms.

Band booster picnic

Parents and families of all junior high and high school band students are invited to a picnic at the Aquatic Park Pavilion on July 29 beginning at 6 p.m. Each family is asked to provide their own picnic supper. The picnic will provide an opportunity for each parent and student to meet the new band directors and hear their ideas and plans for the coming year.

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HOUSTON - The attorney for a Marine who killed a Texas teen-ager near the U.S.-Mexico border is disputing reports that the high school student was shot in the back.

AUSTIN - The Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court continues to lean in favor of businesses and government agencies - issuing fewer and fewer pro-consumer decisions, according to a new report.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - She was in excellent physical condition: a runner who at 5-feet-3 inches, 103 pounds had a washboard stomach. And when Cadet Third Class Stephanie Louise Pollard of El Paso took a fitness test before entering the Air Force Academy she did more sit-ups and pull-ups than most of the men, her father said.

NATION/WORLD

WASHINGTON - Republicans promise to work to pick up the pieces after a three-hour session "filled with emotion, filled with passion" at which top lieutenants to Newt Gingrich apologized and begged forgiveness for their behavior in a foiled coup attempt against the House speaker.

WASHINGTON - Contradicting other testimony and documents, former Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour told Senate investigators he didn't learn until this year that foreign money was used to guarantee a \$2.1 million loan to his GOP think tank.

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon now says 98,900 U.S. troops were exposed to trace amounts of poison gas from exploded Iraqi weapons shortly after the Gulf War but that none received doses high enough to cause noticeable health effects.

WASHINGTON - In at least 20 state capitals from Sacramento to Albany, a major drug-maker is lobbying lawmakers to slow down the marketing of a cheaper generic version of Coumadin, a blood thinner taken by 1.8 million people. The company, DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical, took its campaign to the states a year ago after a competitor sought approval for its generic version - and a share of the \$500-million-a-year market for the drug.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The guns are silent in Northern Ireland - and so, in a way, are the politicians. They still haven't found a way to talk to each other across the Protestant-Catholic divide. The British and Irish governments had spent a year crafting ground rules for negotiations that Protestant parties say isn't good enough. "No one ever thought this would be easy. I certainly didn't," says former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, who has spent 13 months chairing the talks.

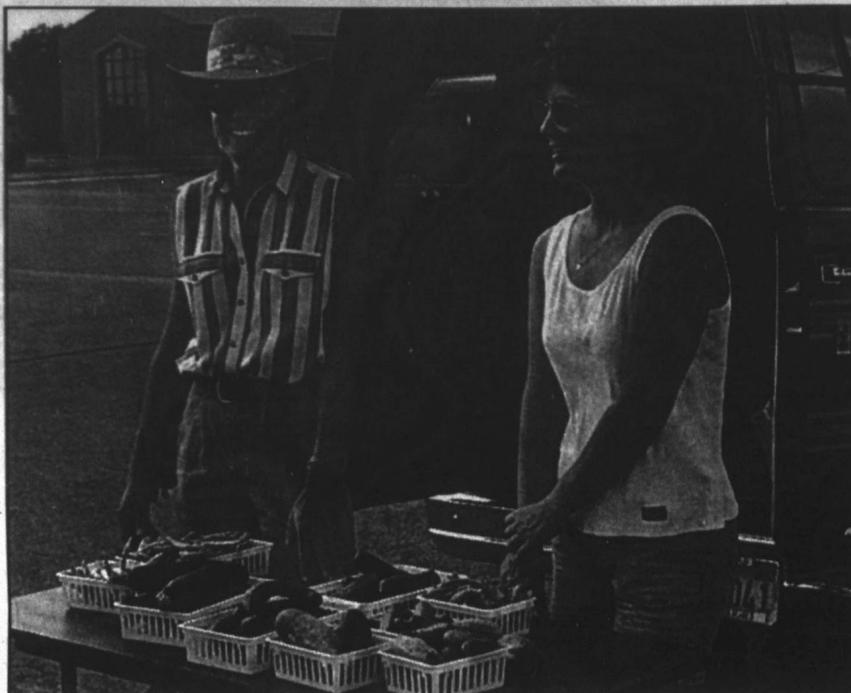
Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

- A runaway from Canyon was found at a residence in Hereford.
- A loud party was reported in the 300 block of Star.
- A prowler was reported in the 800 block of Columbia Street.
- Suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of Greenwood.
- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 100 block of Kibbe Street.
- 9 traffic citations were issued.



Scholarship presentation
Past Boss Lion L.J. Clark presents a \$1,500 scholarship to past Lions Club sweetheart Cassie Abney during the regular noon meeting Wednesday. Abney plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in animal science. She is the daughter of Temple and Karen Abney.



Garden goods become grocery goods

Janette Fowler (left) and Nancy Caperton, both of Hereford, were selling vegetables grown in Janette's garden at the Hereford farmer's market Wednesday. The duo's table of garden goods included cucumbers, squash and green beans.

Olympic Park security guard suing New York newspaper

By TIM WHITMIRE
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Having won settlements from NBC and CNN, former Olympic Park bombing suspect Richard Jewell is now going after the New York Post.

Jewell, who was cleared of wrongdoing, sued the tabloid Wednesday for \$15 million, charging it libeled and defamed him.

"In essence, the New York Post ... literally created an individual, they fictionalized a person and called him Richard Jewell," his Atlanta lawyer Lin Wood said in a telephone interview.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, seeks \$5 million in compensatory damages, \$10 million in punitive damages.

Pat Smith, a spokesman for the Post, declined to comment on the suit, saying no one at the paper had seen it yet.

The suit cites as libelous and defamatory a series of articles, headlines, photographs and editorial cartoons that appeared in the Post after The Atlanta Journal-Constitution broke the story that Jewell was a suspect.

The Post "falsely depicted (Jewell) as an individual with an aberrant and violent personality, bizarre employment history, and who was guilty or probably guilty of the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta," according to the lawsuit.

Jewell, 34, was initially portrayed as a hero for spotting a suspicious package and helping to evacuate

people before the July 27, 1996, explosion that killed one and injured 100 others.

But he became a villain after the FBI confirmed he was a suspect. He became the target of extensive media coverage until cleared by the Justice Department in October.

In December, Jewell reached a reported \$500,000 settlement with NBC over comments that anchor Tom Brokaw made on the air shortly after the bombing. Jewell also settled with CNN for an undisclosed amount.

He still has suits pending against Cox Enterprises Inc., owner of the Journal-Constitution, and Piedmont College, where Jewell had worked as guard before he took a temporary job at the Olympics.

Texan -- and proud of it. . .

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Nearly one-fourth of the state's residents consider themselves first a Texan and second an American, a new poll finds.

That's a stunningly high rate of identity with a state, and it's probably unmatched in any of the other 49, pollster Frank Luntz said Wednesday. "I would argue that there's no state in the country that would have a higher state personal identification than Texas does," said Luntz, who operates a Washington-based consulting firm.

In his survey, 500 Texans were asked: "If you had to choose one or the other, would you consider yourself a Texan first or an American first?"

Twenty-three percent said Texan; 73 percent said American; and 3 percent said both. Others said they either didn't know or declined to answer.

Luntz said he was startled by the response. "That almost one out of four see themselves first as Texans is remarkable," he said.

"There is something special about this state. There is a community here that doesn't exist in other states. Even though it's so large, even though the population is so diverse."

Luntz said he's never scientifically polled on such a question in other states, but he has asked it of participants in smaller focus group discussions.

"They just don't understand what I'm asking," he laughed.

He attributed the Texas loyalty in part to the state's unique history. After rebelling against Mexico, Texas was an independent nation before joining the United States in 1845.

"I think it began with how Texas became a state, how it left Mexico and became a state. And it has not changed. A lot of people who were born here stay here."

And people who move into the state tend not to move out. That's why you're growing so fast.

An unexpected finding, he said, is that the Texas identity isn't confined to the cowboy legend.

"I had assumed that there was this 'cowboy mythology' that people who lived in this state for generations had this identity to the flag, to the ranch. And it's not there. It doesn't exist that way," Luntz said.

According to his analysis, the four demographic groups most likely to see themselves as Texans first are: individuals earning under \$20,000 a year (34 percent); blacks and Hispanics (28 percent); those with incomes between \$20,000 and \$39,000 (28 percent); and women between 18 and 39 (27 percent).

The telephone poll was conducted July 19-20 for the public relations firm Temerlin McClain. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.6 percentage points.

Jobs, sales play major roles

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thousands of jobs and billions in sales are at stake in the global competition ahead for Boeing Co. and Europe's Airbus, the sole survivors in the lucrative market for commercial airliners.

Concessions by Boeing in its impending merger with McDonnell Douglas cleared away European opposition Wednesday and averted a trade war, but did nothing to ease the open market battle between two aerospace titans.

"This is a temporary cease fire," said Erik Pages, who closely followed the merger talks for Business Executives for National Security, a Washington-based research group.

"Now what you have is no-holds-barred market competition as opposed to a protectionist trade war."

The commercial airline market is immense. Over the next decade, Boeing forecasts that it will compete for commercial jet sales of \$490 billion.

With Airbus dominant in Europe and Boeing in the United States, the next great battle will take place over Asia, expected to be the source for booming jetliner orders in the coming decades.

The early advantage appears to go to Boeing, which already dominates about two-thirds of the airliner market.

To satisfy the European Union's Economic Commission and avoid severe sanctions it could impose on Boeing's business in Europe, Boeing agreed to loosen its grip on exclusive contracts to sell planes to three major U.S. airlines. The commission's tentative endorsement of the deal Wednesday cleared the final bureaucratic hurdle to the merger.

Boeing Chairman Phil Condit said the concessions would have "if not zero impact, then minimal impact on the bottom line."

Airbus officials ruefully agreed that Boeing appeared to have given up little.

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hours, leaving few clues and fewer witnesses. The fires have occurred in spurts of three or more in a day, and Maloy said some sort of accelerant is being applied.

The conflagrations began earlier this year, when fences were the primary targets. Bushes have taken the brunt this summer, particularly junipers, non-native plants popular in landscaping here.

"That would be the only link, that some guy doesn't like juniper

bushes," Maloy puzzled. "They burn real well because they're so dense underneath. Their needles accumulate at the bottom."

Texas Tech psychiatry instructor Dr. Margaret Weidow said motivation for such crimes depends on age. Teens might do it for cheap thrills, while adults could have deeper reasons.

"People who enjoy fire setting usually have other problems," she said.

A fraction receive some sort of sexual gratification from such random acts, Ms. Weidow said. Textbooks also associate arson spree with substance abuse and low intelligence, she added.

"Sometimes it's a cry for help, a wish for somebody important to pay attention to them," she said. "It also could just be somebody getting a big kick out of watching everyone get excited about it."

New trial grounds disputed

By SANDY SHORE
Associated Press Writer
DENVER (AP) - The jury that convicted Timothy McVeigh and sentenced him to die for the Oklahoma City bombing did not allow pretrial publicity or victims' testimony to affect their decisions, prosecutors insist.

In opposing McVeigh's motion for a new trial, government attorneys also said U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch appropriately banned some of the defense's case, including its theory that international terrorists were responsible for the blast.

In a separate motion made public Wednesday, McVeigh joined co-defendant Terry Nichols in asking for a hearing into allegations that their rights were violated when government officials tampered with their mail.

McVeigh's attorneys also asked Matsch to issue an order prohibiting authorities from reading and photocopying McVeigh's mail.

McVeigh attorney Robert Nigh Jr. said his client has been notified a few times that federal prison officials opened his mail, including some legal correspondence.

McVeigh was convicted last month of murder, conspiracy and weapons charges and sentenced to die for the April 19, 1995, bombing. The blast killed 168 people and injured more than 500.

Nichols is to stand trial on identical charges Sept. 29.

McVeigh's attorneys contend jurors were unfairly swayed by pretrial publicity and devastating testimony from bombing survivors and victims' relatives.

Drought loss applications being taken

Deaf Smith County businesses which sustained losses from last year's drought have until Aug. 18, 1997 to file for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Businesses which suffered losses due to the drought from Oct. 1, 1995 to July 10, 1996, are eligible for the loans if they suffered losses and are dependent on farmers and ranchers who sustained crop losses during this time.

Nurseries which also suffered losses during this time may also apply although farmers and ranchers are not eligible.

Applications and additional information may be obtained from SBA at 1-800-366-6303.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the drought reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers.



By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the \$8 million grand prize jackpot Wednesday night in the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 10-18-22-24-31-39.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$13 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

1-5-3
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Lifestyles

Cumpton recognized for 20 dedicated years

According to legend, tea was discovered in China about 2737 B.C. Today, the world's largest producer of tea is India.

Linda Cumpton, vocational home economics teacher at Hereford High School, is being honored by the Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association of Texas (VHETAT) for her dedicated service of 20 years in the teaching profession.

The award is to be presented today, Thursday, at the VHETAT's 34th Annual Awards Banquet at the Hyatt Regency DFW in Dallas.

The banquet is part of a week-long professional development conference for vocational home economics teachers planned and coordinated by the Texas Education Agency's Home Economics Department, Career and

Technology Division.

Among the approximately 2,500 teachers attending the conference is Ellen Wallace, new home economics teacher at Hereford High School.

Home economics programs across the state help students make the transition from school to work while preparing them for managing multiple roles of homemaker and wage earner. Home economics teachers provide knowledge and skill development for application in the students' home, personal and occupational life.

Home economics teachers also sponsor local chapters of the Future Homemakers of America.

CWA joins other groups in boycott of Disney Co.

WASHINGTON (AP) - When members of the Concerned Women for America watch "The Little Mermaid," it's tough for them to appreciate the catchy tunes and cute fish when they see how the lead character is depicted.

"Ariel, what is she wearing? She's wearing two tiny, little seashells," said Paula Govers, spokeswoman for the conservative women's group. "What are they telling our little girls?"

Now, members of the half-million-strong organization have something to tell little girls - and their parents: Stop patronizing Disney and its subsidiaries.

On Wednesday, CWA announced it was joining the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Family Association in a boycott against the Walt Disney Co. The decision was made after a two-hour meeting between Disney officials and eight self-described pro-family organizations over the entertainment powerhouse's programming.

"There comes a point when you have to decide what would they have to do for us to call a boycott," said Govers. "Enough is enough."

The women's action comes a month after the 15-million-member Southern Baptist Convention declared its boycott against Disney and all its subsidiaries - including television networks ABC, ESPN, Arts & Entertainment and Lifetime - because of objections to the company's gay-friendly workplace policies and its marketing of films containing violent and sexual matters.

The American Family Association has boycotted Disney for several years.

Disney maintained Wednesday that programming under the Disney label is suitable for families and accused the groups of setting up the meeting as a publicity stunt.

"The Disney brand is the most prolific provider of family entertainment in the world," said John Dreyer, Disney spokesman. "We feel the only intention of this was to provide a news hook for a press conference."

And, Dreyer contended, many of these groups are not unified in their opposition to Disney.

"In a global economy, they are a small group," Dreyer said.

So far, the Southern Baptist boycott hasn't had much of an effect on Disney. This week, Disney posted an 18 percent boost in third-quarter earnings.

"Disney is huge and is filthy rich," said Govers. "Even if we don't make an impact on their earnings, that's not the point. We're really concerned about the message they send our children."

The Human Rights Campaign, which defends gay rights, defended Disney after CWA's announcement, calling the boycott anti-gay.

"These groups are promoting discrimination in the trappings of faith," said David M. Smith, communications director for the campaign.

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Munchin'

Children from Hereford Day Care summer program and Canadian YMCA summer program join together for a picnic at the Aquatic Center Pavilion. After the picnic, the children enjoyed a fun filled day at the Aquatic Center Water Park. The Canadian YMCA was invited by Hereford Day Care to come and try out the waterslide.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I read your response to the woman in Indiana who wants to have children but her husband had had a vasectomy. He was divorced with two kids but had promised he'd have his vasectomy reversed so they could have children together. After they married, he changed his mind. She was miserable and unhappy and had gained 60 pounds. You told her she was in no condition to make a decision to end her marriage and that a woman who gains 60 pounds and cries all the time needs serious counseling. I could not disagree more.

That woman could have been me. I, too, was desperately unhappy in a marriage to a man I loved very much but who did not want children -- a fact he hid from me until we had been married for two years. I cried, ate constantly and gained a lot of weight. Then, I decided that my health and well-being were more important than trying to save a marriage that was not salvageable.

Now, 18 months later, I have lost 40 pounds. I'm living in my own home and am at peace. I have dated a little and know that eventually I will find a man who wants all the things I want -- including children.

The woman who wrote to you needs to say adios to that husband who broke his word. He lied to her, and you failed to give him the clobbering he deserved. -- Critical in California

Dear Critic: True, I may have failed to give that husband the clobbering he deserved, but the readers wasted no time clobbering ME. I am facing a mountain of mail from women (mostly) who landed on me like a ton of teakwood. Get out the wet noodle, and keep reading.

From Oakland, Calif.: You completely missed the point in your response to the woman who wanted a baby. Her husband changed his mind about reversing his vasectomy after promising her he would. She has every right to feel cheated. She entered into that marriage believing

one day she would be able to have a child. She was royally double-crossed.

I married a man with two small children and raised them as my own. We had a child together a few years later, and that child is the most special thing that has ever happened to me. My husband adores her, and we couldn't be happier.

Eugene, Ore.: My roommate and I are writing in response to "Want to Be a Mother in Indiana." We think your response was 180 degrees off course.

Instead of telling her to get therapy, you should have told her how unfair her husband was. This perfectly sane woman went into that marriage -- her first, his second -- with the understanding that she would be able to have her own children, which was always her dream. She probably would not have married that man had he told her at the beginning that he didn't want to have any more kids.

Having children is an important part of life for most women. It was insensitive and arrogant for her husband to cast aside her feelings, especially since he had already experienced the joy of having a family. How could you be so insensitive? -- Annoyed With You

Dear Annoyed: Sorry I bombed. The wet noodle has already been taken out of storage. Get in line.

Gem of the Day: Here's a message for drivers who feel confident and safe behind the wheel: Remember, there is always one more imbecile with a driver's license than you counted on.

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One year ago: Two bombs blamed on Tamil separatists ripped through a commuter train near Colombo, Sri Lanka, killing 64 civilians and wounding more than 400.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway producer Alexander H. Cohen is 77. Former U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug is 77. Movie director Peter Yates ("Bullitt") is 68. Actress Jacqueline Brookes is 67. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 62. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 61. Actor Dan Hedaya is 57. Actor Chris Sarandon is 55. Actor Robert Hays is 50. Montana Gov. Marc Racicot is 49. Actor Michael Richards ("Seinfeld") is 48. Actress Lynda Carter is 46. Movie director Gus Van Sant ("To Die For") is 45. Country singer Pam Tillis is 40. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 32. Actress Jennifer Lopez ("Selena") is 27. Actress Anna Paquin ("The Piano") is 15. Actress Mara Wilson is 10.

Thought for Today: "No matter what side of an argument you're on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side." - Jascha Heifetz, Russian-born American violinist (1901-1987).

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, July 24, the 205th day of 1997. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred and fifty years ago, on July 24, 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake in present-day Utah.

On this date: In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

New Arrivals

Allen and Cindy Dews of Clarendon are the proud parents of a son, Jesse Morgan, born June 6.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a brother, Joshua, 5.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dews of Ozona.

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7:00 pm - youth with Dr. Nisbett - "The Great Adventure"

Monday, July 28 - 6:30 am Breakfast - "Belonging to Christ"

7:00 pm - "Becoming Like Christ"

Sports

Cowboys' Hennings has limits

Big things expected of defensive lineman

AUSTIN (AP) - Chad Hennings is the John Wayne type. He doesn't say much. But don't rile him unless you want trouble.

Charles Haley did one day last year. He finally tested Hennings' patience and the next thing he knew, he was pinned up against a locker. Haley didn't mess with Hennings again.

"I don't go around saying a lot," said the Dallas Cowboys defensive end. "I do have a limit on how far my patience can be pushed."

The Cowboys hope Hennings takes his 6-foot-6, 292-pound frame and this kind of attitude into the 1997 season because a depleted defensive line needs him until Leon Lett can

return from his NFL suspension from the first 13 games of the season.

"We're going to need a big season from Chad, and I think we'll get one," said defensive coordinator Dave Campo. "What you see is what you get with Chad. He's not a flashy, big-play kind of guy. But he's good and solid. He's an excellent NFL player. We have a lot of young players, and we've got to get a lot out of Chad and Tony Casillas until these players develop."

Hennings, who received a four-year extension on his contract from owner Jerry Jones in the off-season, had an excellent 1996 season.

He had 31 solo tackles and logged

4.5 quarterback sacks. He was credited with 30 quarterback pressures, recovered two fumbles and blocked a kick.

"There's a lot of pressure on the older guys on the team like me to produce this year until Leon can get back," Hennings said. "I know I'll have some heat on me. I got double-teamed at times last year, and I expect to be double-teamed even more this season."

Hennings was a sixth-round draft pick out of the Air Force in 1988, and the Cowboys got the former Outland Trophy winner after his tour of duty, which included a stint in the Gulf War where he was a pilot.

He stepped into the starting lineup

at left tackle last year and had some big games, although right tackle is his more natural position.

"We're putting him on the right side this year, and Chad should even be better than he was last season," Campo said.

Hennings said although the defensive line is being perceived as a weak link, it could be a strong point.

"I'm sure teams will try to run on us, and I think we can stop them," he said. "We're going to surprise some people. I think we have a great chance to make a Super Bowl run. There about six teams that have a legitimate chance, and I think we're one of them."

Anyone want to argue? Charles?

Irvin, Williams reach settlement in lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) - Michael Irvin says he can't talk about the settlement he and Dallas Cowboys teammate Erik Williams reached in their defamation lawsuit against a Dallas television station.

His only comment: "It's behind us."

Irvin made the statement Wednesday night, hours after he and Williams settled their defamation lawsuit in a deal their attorney said "represents a major step" toward rectifying the damage done to them.

All parties to the lawsuit kept quiet about the settlement, but attorney Peter Ginsberg and an official for the Dallas-Fort Worth television station confirmed the agreement.

They said they could not disclose details of the settlement with KXAS-TV reporter Marty Griffin and Lin Television Corp., parent company for KXAS.

A source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press the settlement calls for the players to split a payment of at least \$2 million.

"Erik Williams and Michael Irvin entered into this lawsuit to try to make a statement and try to come out a little more whole following the abuse that they suffered," Ginsberg said. "There is no settlement in the world that could ever make up in whole for the damage that was done to them. But the settlement represents a major step in that direction."

The lawsuit stemmed from the reporting of sexual assault allegations made against the two Cowboys by Nina Shahravan. The former topless dancer told police that Irvin held a



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NFL roundup

Mystery illness grounds Rice

By The Associated Press

As training practices intensified, so did the number of injuries throughout NFL camps.

"You kind of expect you are going to have some bumps and bruises and pulls as you get yourself into football shape," Colts coach Lindy Infante said. "But none of these things seem to be very serious. We just hope it stays that way."

Simeon Rice's battle with a mysterious illness took another turn when he left training camp and was taken to St. Joseph's Medical Center in Phoenix for further tests.

Rice, a Cardinals defensive end, was listed in good condition late Wednesday, with vital signs stable.

The team said hospitalization was ordered for advanced testing to be done Thursday, not because the second-year player's condition required it.

It was Rice's second time in a hospital since he complained of a severe migraine-like headache Saturday. He has missed six straight practices.

Coach Vince Tobin and other Cardinals officials said Rice's illness has not been identified and declined to discuss his symptoms.

Another defensive lineman, Mark Smith, a seventh-round pick from Auburn, pulled a hamstring near the end of practice and was taken off on a cart.

The Cardinals signed defensive lineman Ben Williams, the University of Minnesota's career sack leader. Williams started his pro career with Shreveport of the CFL in 1994. The top draft pick of the London Monarchs last winter, he had 42 tackles and 3 sacks in World League play.

Saints
Chris Naeole, the No. 10 overall pick from Colorado who was expected to start at right guard, will miss at least four weeks after spraining his knee and dislocating his

kneecap. Last year's top pick, cornerback Alex Molden, and cornerback Forey Duckett both injured their legs practicing against the Vikings on Tuesday.

Nicky Savoie, a sixth-round pick, bruised his sternum on Tuesday and was having difficulty breathing on Wednesday. Trainers said he would miss a minimum of two weeks, but coach Mike Ditka, a Hall of Fame tight end, was unsympathetic.

"He'll be back," Ditka said. "I told him he'd be back or else if he's not back we'll bring in a couple of tight ends and I don't think he wants us to bring in a couple of tight ends. So I'd recommend him getting back pretty quick. It's not going to be no two-week or one-week deal."

"That's a bruise. I've had it. I know what it is. It's painful as heck, but that's life. There's nothing broken there. You put a pad on it. You take an aspirin and you go like heck."

Also injured was free agent defensive tackle Luke Fickell, who is facing reconstructive surgery after tearing a ligament in the back of his left knee.

Tackle Keno Hills, who came off the physically-unable-to-perform list Tuesday, re-injured his hamstring early in his first practice and could not work in the afternoon.

Jets
The first injury of camp came when Dave Fiore, a versatile reserve who backed up at center, tackle and guard, was lost for the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Vikings
Starting cornerbacks Dewayne Washington (back) and Corey Fuller (hamstring) were back at practice, and coach Dennis Green said both are

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questionable for Saturday's preseason opener against Seattle. Antonio Banks, the fourth-round draft choice from Virginia Tech has an injured ankle, leaving the team with only four healthy cornerbacks.

49ers
Rookie fullback Marc Edwards came to training camp Wednesday as a backup to William Floyd and wound up working with the first team in his first practice when Floyd went out with a hamstring injury.

Edwards, a second-round pick out of Notre Dame, missed a week of camp before signing a four-year, \$1.86 million deal, including a \$650,000 bonus.

Floyd, who returned last season from a serious knee injury, slightly pulled his right hamstring while going out for a pass.

Broncos
One day after No. 2 quarterback Bill Musgrave announced his retirement, Jeff Lewis pulled himself out of morning practice after he dislocated the little finger on his throwing hand. The team's fourth-round draft choice a year ago was back for afternoon drills after trainers popped the finger back in place.

Defensive end Neil Smith was back in pads for both sessions after bruising his right knee Monday.

Running back Derek Loville sat out both practices with a sore neck. Cornerback Darrien Gordon came out of the afternoon workouts with a slight groin pull.

Lions
The NFL has asked Detroit to make minor accounting changes to running back Barry Sanders' contract to conform to league salary cap rules. Sanders agreed Sunday to a five-year contract with an option for a sixth year, reportedly worth \$34.56 million.

Doctors advised linebacker Tom Beer to retire because of neurological problems. Coach Bobby Ross said Beer blacked out after contact on the practice field Saturday.

Cowboys
Fullback Daryl Johnston, who signed a five-year, \$7 million contract in the offseason, has missed two consecutive practices because of heat exhaustion. Johnston had to be rushed to the training room Tuesday and was still having problems Wednesday. "The Moose" is still woozy," coach Barry Switzer said. "He went down Sunday and he's still having problems."

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Marlins realize payoff in deal for Daulton

Surprising speed ends Florida losing streak with 8-1 win over Cincinnati

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

The Florida Marlins knew they were adding a potent bat when they traded for Darren Daulton. They probably didn't figure on getting fleet feet, too.

In his first start for Florida, Daulton showed off his surprising speed. He hit an RBI triple and later dashed home to score with a jarring slide Wednesday night as the Marlins ended a three-game losing streak with an 8-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Marlins acquired Daulton on Monday from Philadelphia. He was hitless in one at-bat for Florida before starting at first base and going 2-for-3.

"This game means something," Daulton said. "Over there (in Philadelphia), wins are important, but they're not in a pennant race. There's a big difference. It's a lot better being in a pennant race."

Bobby Bonilla and Charles Johnson homered during a five-run sixth inning at Cincinnati. The burst included Daulton's career-high seventh triple - he began this year with 17 triples in 3,235 lifetime at-bats.

"I think it's a lack of power," Daulton said. "I'd rather have seven homers. I'd rather jog around the bases."

Daulton, the former catcher whose knee problems almost forced him out of baseball, scored when reliever Scott Sullivan's pitch trickled off catcher Joe Oliver's glove.

Daulton slid in hard, and Sullivan was charged with an error for not holding the ball.

"You saw one of the reasons we got him," manager Jim Leyland said. "He scored on that ball and he was (hustling) all the way."

Alex Fernandez (11-8) allowed six hits in eight innings and had an RBI single. The Reds have lost five of six. **Padres 9, Pirates 1**

Tony Gwynn went 2-for-2 and raised his average to .390 before leaving after the third inning because

of tightness in his left hamstring. He was pulled as a precaution, and San Diego manager Bruce Bochy planned to rest him today against visiting Pittsburgh.

Gwynn hit an RBI single in the first inning and a two-run double in the second. He appeared to hurt himself later in the inning while running to third base.

Rookie Mandy Romero went 3-for-4 with a home run. Pete Smith (4-1) pitched seven strong innings as the Padres won their fourth in a row. San Diego is 11-3 since the All-Star break.

Mets 2, Dodgers 1

Fill-in starter Brian Bohanon pitched five neat innings and reliever John Franco escaped a ninth-inning jam as New York won at Dodger Stadium.

Bohanon (1-2) allowed four hits, including Tom Prince's home run. Bohanon was promoted from Triple-A Norfolk when Armando Reynoso strained his right shoulder.

An error and a passed ball gave Los Angeles a runner at second base with no outs in the ninth. But Franco struck out Eric Karros, retired Todd Zeile on a fly ball and Wilton Guerrero on a grounder for his 26th save.

Astros 7, Cardinals 2
Houston completed a 5-0 road trip as Thomas Howard homered and drove in three runs.

The Astros won three times in Montreal and twice in St. Louis, and have won seven in a row on the road overall. Houston, now leading the NL Central by three games, starts a 10-game homestand tonight.

Craig Biggio scored four runs and Mike Magnante (3-0) pitched 3 2-3 perfect innings. The Astros improved to 7-2 against the Cardinals, compared to last year's 2-11 mark. **Cubs 3, Braves 1**

Kevin Tapani made an impressive debut for the Cubs, albeit three

months later than they hoped to see him, in beating Atlanta at Wrigley Field.

Tapani signed a three-year, \$11 million deal in the offseason after winning 13 games for the White Sox last year. But he had finger surgery in April and did not come off the disabled list until Wednesday.

Tapani allowed five hits in

seven-plus innings, striking out nine and walking none. He had retired 14 straight batters when Danny Bautista led off the eighth with a home run, cutting the Cubs' lead to 2-1.

Sammy Sosa hit his 19th homer, the first for any Chicago hitter since July 15.

Giants 16, Phillies 4
Barry Bonds hit a grand slam and Bill Mueller had four hits and drove in five runs as San Francisco romped at home.

Bonds and Mueller both homered during a seven-run third inning. Bonds, who has 26 home runs this season and 360 in his career - one short of Joe DiMaggio for 43rd place on the lifetime list - left after the fourth inning with the Giants already ahead 16-4.

Jeff Kent added a three-run double as the Giants won their sixth straight home game. Philadelphia scored three times in the first inning against All-Star Shawn Estes (13-4), but lost its third straight.

28 captures scramble prize

A team composed of Craig Nieman, Lewis McDaniel, Aaron Roberts and Joel Sturgeon won the Weekly Scramble Wednesday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The foursome recorded a score of 28 - eight under par on the back nine holes. Each team member received more than \$100 in merchandise after a carry-over of prizes from last week.

Two teams shot a 31. One team included Cal Garrett, Jerry Ripley and Marty Schulte, while the other team was composed of Jeff Shelton, Marin Rivas, Keith Clearman and Don Davison.

Nine teams participated in the weekly scramble. There were four cards with 32s, and one each with 33 and 34 totals.

Clemens 1st to win 16 games

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

With every win, Roger Clemens gets a little closer to recapturing his past.

Clemens became the majors' first 16-game winner Wednesday night, pitching eight scoreless innings to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-0 win over the Milwaukee Brewers.

In less than two weeks, Clemens will turn 35. Apparently, he's the only one unaware of an upcoming birthday because the three-time Cy Young Award winner is still pitching like he's 25.

Clemens (16-3) needs just two more victories to match his win totals in both the 1991 and '92 seasons. He won his last Cy Young in '91 at 18-10, and should easily surpass that mark this season.

Once again, the light-hitting Blue Jays didn't give Clemens much support, getting just four hits. But one of them was Joe Carter's 10th career grand slam.

After McAndrew walked five straight batters in the fourth, including Orlando Merced with the bases loaded, Carter hit his second grand slam of the season to give the Blue Jays a 7-0 lead.

Athletics 5, Red Sox 2
Don Wengert, pressed into starting duty at the last minute, held Boston to one run over five innings as Oakland snapped a four-game losing streak.

Wengert (5-9), who was sent to the bullpen after going 1-6 with an 8.03 ERA as a starter, scattered seven hits. Billy Taylor got five outs for his 18th save.

Scott Brosius hit a solo homer and a sacrifice fly, and Damon Mashore and Jose Canseco also homered for the A's at Fenway Park.

Tigers 8, White Sox 6

At Detroit, Matt Walbeck and Damion Easley each hit two-run homers as the Tigers overcame a four-run deficit.

Willie Blair (9-4) allowed five runs and nine hits in seven innings to win his fifth straight appearance, including one relief win.

Todd Jones got four outs for his career-best 18th save. Ozzie Guillen homered and tied a career-high with four RBIs for the White Sox.

Mariners 6, Indians 3

At Cleveland, Omar Olivares won his first start for Seattle as Ken Griffey Jr.'s homerless streak reached a season-high 13 games.

Olivares (6-6), acquired with Felipe Lira in a trade with Detroit last Friday, allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Griffey, who has not homered since July 5 when he hit his 30th, was 1-for-4 with a double and a sacrifice fly.

Royals 5, Twins 1

At Minneapolis, Tim Belcher became the first Kansas City starter to win since June 27, pitching into the eighth to snap Minnesota's five-game winning streak.

Belcher (9-9), winless in six starts since beating Pittsburgh on June 14, scattered seven hits in seven-plus innings and allowed only one runner to reach second through the first six innings.

Royals starters were 0-14 since Kevin Appier beat Milwaukee nearly one month ago.

Kansas City won for just the third time in 21 games.

Orioles 3, Rangers 2

Jeff Rebolaut, who entered in the 10th inning, singled home the

go-ahead run in the top of the 12th as Baltimore completed a three-game sweep.

Baltimore has won seven of eight against the Rangers this season.

Geronimo Berroa drew a leadoff walk from Danny Patterson (6-4) in the Orioles' 12th. Berroa stole second, took third on Chris Hoiles' fly ball and scored when Rebolaut bounced a one-out single over Texas' drawn-in infield.

Randy Myers (2-3) allowed two hits in the final two innings for the win. **Yankees 5, Angels 4**
Anaheim second baseman Luis Alica threw away a grounder in the bottom of the ninth inning as New York won its third straight.

After the Yankees wasted a 4-0 lead, Chad Curtis doubled down the left-field line against Shigetoshi Hasegawa (2-5) to open the ninth. Jorge Posada then grounded to second, and after fielding the ball, Alica waited for Hasegawa to reach first, but threw wildly as Curtis scored on the error.

Jeff Nelson (3-5) was perfect in 1 1-3 innings for the victory. Anaheim has lost two straight after winning 12 of 13.

Sports Briefs

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO (AP) - Phil Jackson will remain the coach of the Chicago Bulls for at least one more year, at a reported \$6 million, assuring the return of Michael Jordan for the 1997-98 season.

Last season, Jackson was paid \$2.75 million as he led the Bulls to their fifth championship in the last seven seasons.

Jackson has a 483-173 record in the regular season during his eight years. But it is in the postseason where he's been the most successful. His 96-35 mark, a percentage of .733, is the best among NBA coaches.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Forward Johnny Taylor, the 17th overall pick in last month's NBA draft from Tennessee-Chattanooga, signed a three-year contract with the Orlando Magic.

HOCKEY

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - Mark Messier, an unrestricted free agent has reportedly been offered a three-year, \$18 million contract from the Vancouver Canucks.

Messier, 36, was paid \$6 million last season by the Rangers. Though still negotiating with New York, he has received offers from about five teams. The Edmonton Oilers, Messier's first team, are said to have offered the All-Star center a lifetime contract.

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) -

Businessman John Spano returned to Long Island from a Cayman Islands vacation to face fraud charges stemming from his failed attempt to buy the New York Islanders.

Spano was arraigned on charges of wire fraud and bank fraud in U.S. District Court in Uniondale and was ordered released on his own recognizance pending the posting of a \$3 million bond.

FOOTBALL

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - Simeon Rice's battle with a mysterious illness took another turn when he left training camp and was transported to a Phoenix hospital for further tests.

The Cardinals defensive end was listed in good condition late, with stable vital signs. It was his second time in a hospital since he fell ill Saturday, with what was diagnosed as a viral infection.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Mark Whiten was back in uniform for the New York Yankees and awaiting a prosecutor's decision on whether he'll be charged with sexually assaulting a woman in a Milwaukee hotel.

The outfielder did not play in New York's 5-4 win over Anaheim at Yankee Stadium, but manager Joe Torre had said he wouldn't hesitate to use him.

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VFW/HEREFORD HOSPICE BENEFIT TOURNEY
The VFW/Hereford Hospice Benefit Golf Tournament is scheduled Saturday and Sunday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Shotgun starts are set for 1 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Format is a 2-person scramble. Teams will be flighted after the first round of play with field limited to 40 teams. Entry fee is \$75 per player, including green and cart fees, and dinner after Saturday's round. Player introductions will follow the dinner Saturday night at the VFW Hall. Players may register at the golf course through Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS
WEDNESDAYS.....Weekly Scramble
JULY 26-27.....VFW/Crown of Texas Hospice Tourney
AUG. 30-31.....Hereford Country Club Tournament
SEPT. 6-7.....Couples Tourney, Make-A-Wish Benefit

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1995 F150
Super Cab, 4x4, A/C, cassette, 29k Miles

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29K Miles, Loaded "Warranty"

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4x4, V-8, Tow Package, CD Player, 15K Miles

1997 Mercury Tracer
27K Miles, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt

1992 Ford F150 XLT
Auto, Cruise, PL, PW

1994 Mercury Villager
Local Owner, 7 Passenger, V-6, A/C

1996 Mustang Convertible
Red, V-6, White Roof, Automatic

1996 Old Cutlass
Leather, 27K Miles, 1 Owner - No Smoker

1996 Taurus
PL, PW, CR, Tilt, Pw Seats and More!

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1997 Mustang Coupe
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1996 Contour
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V-6, Loaded

1996 Windstar
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A Great Gift!!! Texas Country Reporter Cookbook -- the cookbook everyone is talking about. 256 pages featuring quotes on recipes ranging from 1944 War Worker rolls to a creative concoction using Texas tumbleweeds. \$13.95 at Hereford Brand. 17961

The Roads of Texas and The Roads of New Mexico are for sale at The Hereford Brand in book form. Texas maps are \$14.95 plus tax, and New Mexico maps are \$14.95 plus tax. Discover roads you never knew were there. Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee. 24757

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To give away, brown & white 1/2 grown puppy. Call 364-2937. 34797

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For Sale: German Shepherd puppies. Call 364-1113, after 6. 34799

For Sale: Duo/Art Piano. Dual Art Antique Player! Electric or Manual operation. 120 Piano Rolls. \$3500.00. Call 258-7387. 34813

Senior Citizens Thrift Store
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Open Thursday-Friday
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1A. GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: 118 Catalpa, Friday & Saturday, 8 to 5. Infant clothes & miscellaneous. 34800

Large Garage Sale: 121 Kibbe St., Saturday Only, 9 to 5. 34801

5 Family Garage Sale: 212 Cherokee Drive, Friday 5:30 to 8:30 and Saturday 8 to ???. Collectibles, Estate Items, Furniture. 34802

Trash & Treasure Garage Sale: 6 miles W. on 1058 (Park Ave.), 1 mile South on 1057. Calf Shed, Pickup tool box, sinks, bicycle, luggage, bedding, irons, Kirby vacuum, miscellaneous. Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9 to 5. 34803

Moving Sale: July 25 & 26, 320 Ave. C. Everything must go. 3 BR house with basement, 2 BR Trailer House, 3 car garage. Lots bicycles & parts, furniture and much more. 34804

Garage Sale: 302 Brevard, Friday & Saturday, 9 to 5. Clothing, Shoes & Miscellaneous. 34805

Garage Sale: 616 Ave. I, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. Small dresser, entertainment center, 2 end tables, table & chairs, 2 full size beds & lots of miscellaneous. 34807

2. FARM EQUIPMENT

Garage Sale: 303 Ave. I, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. SEGA & games, lots of adult clothing, T.V., Toddler Bed, cassettes, and more. 34808

Yard Sale: 120 Ave. B, Friday & Saturday, 9 to ???. Bikes, clothes, table, home interior, shoes, chairs. Must See!! 34810

Moving Sale: 505 Lee (Inside), Friday 5 to 9 and Saturday 8 to ?. Lots of knick knacks, toddler bed, womens dresses, kids clothes, air conditioner. 34815

3. VEHICLES FOR SALE

Quality Wheat Seed
Bulk or Bagged 105, 107, 109, 110, 200, 202. NEW: TAM 110 w/Green Bug Resistance. Beardless Wheat, Russian Beardless. Weathermaster 135, Ogalala, Concho, Scout, 2180. Jenkins Triticale, VNS Triticale, Forage Turnips, Custom Cleaning. Your Choice of Registered, Certified & Select Seed Is Available.

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Hereford, TX - 1-800-299-9273 or 258-7394
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27-28-40-22-0919

4. REAL ESTATE

For Sale: 1996 Ford Mustang at the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. \$14,800. Nice vehicle, low mileage. Call 364-1888. 34507

1974 Freightliner with 24' boat live floor box. \$5,000. 810.22 tires and wheels deep lug mud grip \$1500.00. 357-2450 or 357-2449. Long's Hay Service. 34780

See Us Before You Buy
Marcum Motors Co.
Clean Used Cars & Trucks
413 N. 25 Mile Ave. - 364-3565

5. HOMES FOR RENT

For Sale: 3 BR/2 bath Mobile Home. I can get you financing. Call 364-2060 days & 364-1310 nights. 34493

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Movie pig
5 Tap
11 Verve
12 Envelope type
13 Fix copy
14 Spoke
15 "Catcher in the Rye" writer
17 Historic time
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25 Old card game
26 Take the trophy
27 City of central France
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42 Arthur's resting place
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45 Headliner

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1 Swamp
2 "M*A*S*H" actor
3 Rescued, in a way
4 Whole
5 Urban problem
6 Kitchen knives
7 Lined up
8 "Scat"
9 Grand
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16 A Bobsey twin
19 Reprimanded
20 Leave out
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28 Baby's toy
29 Incite
30 Outlaw
31 Met offerings
35 Nut's talk
36 The O'Hara home
37 Actor
38 Impair
39 Hall, to Caesar
40 Siesta

STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-454-7377! 99c per minute, touch-tone / rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

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Best deal in town, 1 bedroom efficiency apartments. Bills paid, red brick apartments. 300 block West 2nd. 364-3566. 920

Nice, large, unfurnished apartments. Refrigerated air, two bedrooms. You pay only electric-we pay the rest. \$335.00 month. 364-8421. 1320

Self-lock storage. 363-6212. 1360

Eldorado Arms Apts, 1 & 2 bedroom unfurnished, apts. refrigerated air, laundry, free cable, water, & gas. 364-2302 or 364-4332. 18873

Need extra storage space? Need a place to have a garage sale? Rent a mini-storage. Two sizes available. Call 364-4370. 30821

2 BR for rent: 1008 Grand, \$225.00 per month, \$100 deposit. Call 364-8022 or 364-1736. 34628

We have several 2 bedroom mobile homes for rent. \$250.00. Take your choice. Close to School. Call 364-0064. 34745

For Rent: 1 BR house, \$75 deposit, \$175 Rent. Call 364-7930. 34765

For Rent: 2 BR, 607 Jackson. Call 364-1917. 34772

For Rent: Nice 3 BR, 2 Bath, privacy fence, & double car garage. \$450 month with \$200 deposit. Call 364-4113. 34789

Furnished Apartment for rent: All bills paid, \$265.00 a month or \$70.00 a week. Call 364-4912 or 364-3876. 34792

8. HELP WANTED

MANAGEMENT & SALES
Major Tire Co. recruiting for industrious, success focused, hands on Managers, Manager trainees and Sales Personnel. Some experience preferred but not essential to apply. Salary, Commission, bonuses and OJT. Open Ended Financial opportunity. Send Resume or Letter to: P. O. Box 673 RT, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

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The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has an opening in Hereford for a child protective services specialist. Duties include casework related to protective services intake, child abuse/neglect investigations, ongoing services to families, foster care, and adoption. Tasks include case documentation done by computer, home visits and court related matters. Computer skills and typing are desired. Entry level salary is \$1836 monthly. Minimum qualifications are a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Contact the Amarillo office for a copy of the job announcement and application at 6200 1-40 West, telephone #806-354-5365. Applications may also be picked up at the Hereford office at 307 East 3rd.

Applications must be in the Hereford office by Thursday, July 30th, 1997 to be considered for this vacancy and should be mailed to PO Box 3700, Amarillo, Texas, 79116-3700. Interviews will be granted to the most qualified applicants. The fax # is 806-354-6299.

9. CHILD CARE
LONG-term care facility in Hereford has several openings for RN's, LVN's and CNA's. FT, PT and PRN positions available. If interested please send current resume or contact:

Doris Johnson, RN, DON
Golden Plains Care Center
420 Ranger Dr.
Hereford, Tx. 79045
806/364-3815

Hereford Care Center needs R.N.'s, L.V.N.'s, Medication Aides, & C.N.A.'s. Come by 231 Kingwood or call 364-7113. 33472

Applications for ENGLISH TEACHER position available at COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. 806-364-8867 or 806-364-1810, Jan Wilks. 34543

Experienced Welders needed at Allied Millwrights, Holly Sugar Road. Apply in person. 34592

Animal Doctor wanted with at least 6 months to a year experience. Come in to apply at Cattletown, Inc. Call 357-2231. 34774

P/T MERCHANDISING. Flexible hours, competitive pay, long-term work. Merchandiser needed to service account in Hereford. For more information, call 1-800-733-2999, ext. 9888 or fax 202-453-2999. 34790

MECHANIC OPENING: Entry level to Master level. Contact Carroll at Dimmitt Equipment, Dimmitt, Tx. 800-530-4372 or (806) 647-4197. 34791

Night Watchman needed. Duties include unloading cattle, weighing trucks & cleaning the office. Come buy Bud Hill Feedyard at Dimmitt, Texas, 8 to 5 Monday thru Friday to fill out application. 34806

JOB OPPORTUNITY: If you are interested in obtaining an Insurance Solicitor License, or if you have one, please call 8:30 to 5:30 Monday thru Friday, (806)364-6874. 34816

PART-TIME SECRETARIAL help needed. General office skills. Send resume to P. O. Box 673 KS. 34817

Harvey's Lawn Mower Repair, tune-ups, overhaul, oil changes, blades sharpening etc. Pickup and delivery. 705 S. Main, call 364-8413. 31383

Tree & Shrub trimming & removal. Leaf raking & assorted lawn work, rotary tilling & seeding of new lawns. 364-3356. 31572

Welding & Repair Service: All Steel Storage Barns. L & M Manufacturing West on Deere Road, 364-4223, Mobile 357-9192. 33852

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--Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

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--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

HEREFORD DAY CARE
Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed
Also - SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS pick-up for Kindergarten Children!
364-5062

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

Defensive Driving Course is now being offered nights and Saturdays. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 289-5851. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS. 700

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Confidential Services
Problem Pregnancy Center
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We buy scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. 364-3350. 970

Garage Door and Opener Repair & Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If No answer Call Mobile, 344-2960. 14237

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- Supplies
- Upgrades

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Call Roy O'Brien 265-3247

Shredding or mowing. Quick, dependable service with competitive prices. E. V. Manley, Mobile 344-5023, 364-8022, or 364-1736. 34627

Forrest Insulation & Construction: We insulate attics, walls & metal buildings, build fence, remodel. Call 364-5477. 34760

13. LOST & FOUND

Found on Holly Sugar Road, 1/2 brown brown & white female puppy. Call 364-2937. 34796

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7-24 CRYPTOQUOTE

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NYADHJL - CYJJYFA THQQ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN OTHER PEOPLE TAKE A LONG TIME TO DO SOMETHING, THEY'RE SLOW. WHEN WE TAKE A LONG TIME, WE'RE THOROUGH.—ANON

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1500 West Park Avenue • 364-1281
Richard Schlabs Amber Griffith

Phone 364-1286 Each Trading Day After 5:30 P.M.
for Recorded Commodity Update

Prices effective: Wednesday, July 23, 1997.

CATTLE FUTURES

| CATTLE-FREEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs. cwt. per lb. | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Aug | 82.25 | 83.20 | 81.40 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Sept | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Oct | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Nov | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
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| Jan | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Feb | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Mar | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Apr | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
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| June | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| July | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |

GRAIN FUTURES

| CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu. cwt. per bu. | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
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| Aug | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 |
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METAL FUTURES

| GOLD (COMEX) 100 Troy oz. 1,000 troy oz. | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
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| Sept | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 |
| Oct | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 |
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| July | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 | 355.00 |

| SILVER (COMEX) 100 Troy oz. 1,000 troy oz. | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
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| Aug | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Sept | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Oct | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Nov | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Dec | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
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| Feb | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Mar | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Apr | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| May | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| June | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| July | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |

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| CATTLE-FREEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs. cwt. per lb. | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Aug | 82.25 | 83.20 | 81.40 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Sept | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Oct | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Nov | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Dec | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Jan | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Feb | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Mar | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| Apr | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| May | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| June | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |
| July | 81.60 | 82.75 | 81.25 | 82.47 | 80 | 82.40 | 84.50 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 | 85.25 |

| CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu. cwt. per bu. | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Aug | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 |
| Sept | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 |
| Oct | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1/2 |
| Nov | 2.77 1/2 | 2.77 1 | | | | | | | | | | |

Lake Travis flood victim, authorities at odds over rebuilding of home after summer rains

JONESTOWN, Texas (AP) - Buddy Stueve, who turns 67 Friday, doesn't want the government to help him rebuild the 900-square-foot home he constructed with his own hands on Lake Travis.

He just wishes the Federal Emergency Management Agency -- touted by disaster officials as offering safety nets for flood victims -- would not turn "my all American-dream into a nightmare."

Stueve, whose roof was topped by three feet of water in recent flooding, faces regulations that weren't in place when he started constructing his home 25 years ago.

Back then, there weren't federal rules saying that once a home receives 50-percent flood damage, it must be elevated one foot above the 100-year flood level.

The requirements threaten to take

Stueve's home away from him, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

"I'm not going to bother Jonestown, and I'm not asking for a dime from the government. Why can't they just let me be?" Stueve said. Jonestown has grown up around his home since he built it.

Pete Baldwin, director of emergency management for Travis County, said it's likely that other homeowners are in the same situation in the wake of flooding that affected an estimated 189 homes in Travis County alone.

There is not enough federal disaster money available to buy out these homeowners, Baldwin said. Asked what would happen to people such as the Stueve and his wife, Baldwin said, "I don't know."

The foundation of Stueve's blue-with-white-trim cabin is made of railroad ties and telephone poles hammered together with 16-penny nails. The roof is covered with tar paper and shingle roll -- "and it's nailed down darn well, I'll guarantee it," Stueve says.

The only things on their property that weren't underwater in June were the tops of twelve shade trees and the flagpole that Stueve, a Korean War veteran, keeps in his yard.

Damage to the home was put at \$18,000 by Jonestown's building code inspector, over the government's 50 percent benchmark. If anyone is going to continue living there, it must be elevated 23 feet on stilts.

Stueve, who with his wife has a monthly fixed Social Security income of just over \$1,000 a month, has no

idea how he would pay the six-figure cost of elevating the home. He would like to simply repair his home himself, a little at a time.

FEMA disaster relief spokeswoman Jo Morris says there are three safety nets available for such flood victims: private insurance, a Small Business Administration disaster loan and a family grant.

But Stueve said the couple couldn't afford \$300 annually in insurance premiums. He doesn't see how he would qualify for a disaster loan, because he wouldn't be able to repay it.

A FEMA personal assistance grant, meanwhile, has a maximum value of \$13,100 -- far short of what's needed to elevate his house or buy a new one.

"Do you know where we can buy a \$13,000 home?" Stueve asked. "And I can't pay a \$700 month mortgage payment. I might try, but they'd have to evict me in 30 days."

Baldwin said private charities might have to pick up the slack. Until some kind of help arrives, people like the Stueves are stuck in a bad situation. And Jonestown building code enforcement officer Jerry Malasko doesn't care for the spot he's in, either.

"They don't really pay me enough to tell some couple living on (\$1,000) a month that they can't rebuild their home," Malasko said. "It's not very fun."

Taxpayer-subsidized insurance for tobacco crops stays intact

WASHINGTON (AP) - Confronted with the contradictions in government policy toward tobacco, the Senate opted to retain subsidies for growers in a vote that could foreshadow the battle over the proposed settlement with major tobacco companies.

Senators kept alive taxpayer-subsidized crop insurance for tobacco growers Wednesday and refused to increase spending sought by President Clinton to enforce a crackdown on illegal purchases of cigarettes by teen-agers.

To some, the government's dire health warnings against tobacco use don't mesh with actions that prop up tobacco.

"It is almost impossible to explain why the government is subsidizing the growth of a product that the government tells people is dangerous to consume," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

But the Senate voted 53-47 against an amendment to end crop insurance subsidies for tobacco and voted 52-48 against a move to increase funding for the teen smoking prevention program.

The action came during debate on a \$49.6 billion spending bill for the Agriculture Department and related agencies for fiscal 1998. Final Senate votes on the measure were scheduled today, and the House was also considering its version.

The Senate amendment to end subsidies for crop insurance, estimated at \$34 million, would have affected about 89,000 tobacco farmers and also would have prevented them from collecting government disaster payments for losses because of floods, droughts and pests.

Durbin said tobacco is different from the 66 other crops that receive insurance subsidies because of the multiple health problems it causes -- problems that cost the government billions of dollars.

"Tobacco is perfectly legal. But tobacco is also perfectly lethal," Durbin said. "You have to eat a lot of corn and soybeans to die."

Tobacco-state senators argued that abolishing insurance for growers would force many to stop cultivating the crop and damage the economies

of rural areas. And the cigarette companies, they said, would simply get their tobacco from overseas or from large operations that can afford private policies.

"This amendment will not stop one person from smoking," said Sen. Wendell Ford, D-Ky. "American farmers go out of business and whole communities in the South die."

Ford and his allies argued that Congress should wait until the proposed \$368 billion settlement of health-related lawsuits against cigarette companies reaches lawmakers to decide the future of government programs affecting the crop.

Durbin, who sponsored the 1987 law that ended smoking on domestic airlines, said growers should be on notice that efforts to abolish the subsidy will continue.

"I think the tide of history is on my side," he said. "We're going to win this battle."

The Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, that would have increased from \$4.9 million to \$34 million the money to help states enforce new rules requiring retailers to check photo IDs to prevent those under 18 from buying cigarettes.

The House version of the spending bill includes \$24 million for the program.

Attorney argues for award in O'Connor slander trial

By LINDA DEUTSCH AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A verdict of even \$1 in a convicted cocaine user's slander lawsuit against Carroll O'Connor "would be a tragedy," the actor's lawyer told jurors.

Harry Perzigian's lawyer put things in a different light, saying the songwriter has been defamed by the TV star - who blames Perzigian for his son's drug-induced suicide - and deserves vindication.

"I have no intention to look you guys in the eye and say, 'Give me \$10 million,'" Perzigian attorney Allan Sigel told jurors. "This is not a lottery. But he has to get something, maybe just his name back."

Jury deliberations were expected to begin today.

Hugh O'Connor, 32, shot himself in March 1995 after a long battle with cocaine addiction. Perzigian sued Carroll O'Connor for slander after the "All in the Family" actor went on television to describe Perzigian as "a partner in murder" for supplying his son with cocaine for years.

Perzigian, 41, has denied that he was Hugh O'Connor's cocaine connection, testifying that he only shared the drug recreationally. He was convicted of furnishing drugs to Hugh O'Connor and served 41 days in jail.

In closing arguments Wednesday, O'Connor lawyer Lucy Inman branded Perzigian a liar and said

jurors would decide "who wins the latest battle in the war on drugs."

"A verdict of even one dollar for Harry Perzigian would be a tragedy. It would be a defeat for every parent and citizen in this country. A verdict of even one dollar would reward a criminal and silence victims," Inman said.

"You can't give Carroll O'Connor his son back," she said, "but you can give him and the rest of the world something precious, the right not to be silent."

Sigel said a verdict in Perzigian's favor would "strike a blow for any little guy that's been kicked around by a big guy."

As the white-haired O'Connor watched silently, Sigel suggested that the man who played the bigoted Archie Bunker may have "mental problems of his own."

"A couple of times in this trial I thought we had Archie on the stand," he said, citing O'Connor's criticism of Perzigian as a man who wore a pony tail and "a little Turkish hat."

"That was vintage Archie," he said. "I wondered where the character and the actor become one."

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